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1962 OUTDOOR POSTER MAKES EFFECTIVE BACKDROP AT DETROIT UNION BANQUET

For Christ and the Church...

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR World

Cover

Christian Endeavor's new outdoor poster was used for an attractive backdrop at the semi-formal banquet of the Detroit (Michigan) Union September 29 at St. Paul's A.M.E. Zion Church. Seated at the head table are (from left) Roy Long, Ila Foster, Patrick Gibbons, Gloria Johnson, Carol Tysen, David Ried, Mrs. Charles Wagoner, Rev. Charles Wagoner (Hope Reformed Church minister), Carol Nelson (union president), James White, Shirley Tysen, and Richard Staat (intern at Narden Park Reformed Church). Song leader is Rev. Roger Hendricks, Royal Oak Reformed Church.

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MEMO

from the General Secretary

"MAKES ME FEEL LIKE SHOUTING!"

That's what one person wrote, "Makes me feel like shouting!" about Christian Endeavor, when she sent in her Fifteen Dollars for her 1961 Annual Membership. "When I read my copy of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD it makes me feel like shouting, because I know what Christian Endeavor has done for me. What I am today I can thank Christian Endeavor for." "How our young people today need Christian Endeavor," she continued.

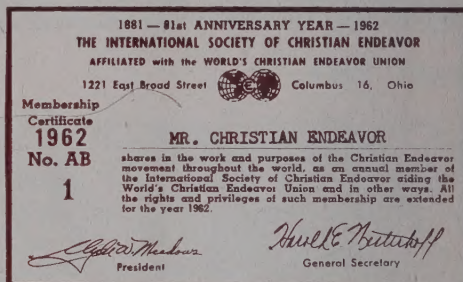
Maybe you're not the shouting type. But maybe you'd be willing to make just a quiet testimony for what Christian Endeavor has done for you. Maybe with a restrained tone, but with equal conviction, you would agree that young people today need Christian Endeavor. Maybe your testimony can be in the form of an extra gift to Christian Endeavor during the 1962 Membership Mobilization just about to begin—and to continue for January and February.

First of all, will *you* give. An Annual Member at \$15. You can double your own membership by sending \$30. Or, become a Sustaining Annual Member, giving \$50 or more. And here is good news for those who are not more than 18 years old. It is a special Youth Membership, with all the rights and privileges of other classes of gifts, for only \$5—to those who are not more than 18 years old. Then, after you've given, ask someone else to join you. If each of us would do just that, we could double the giving to Christian Endeavor in *two months*. And think of what that would do for the work of Christian Endeavor.

A Philadelphian, known for his Christian giving, was asked how he was able to give so much and still have so much left. "Oh," said he, "as I shovel out, He shovels in; and the Lord has a bigger shovel than I have." Will you right now join an international Shovel Brigade, all across Canada, Mexico, and the United States, shovelling out for Christian Endeavor, created at the hand of God in 1881, and nurtured by His Hand these many decades.

"Makes me feel like shouting!"

Harold Westerhoff



UNION CITIZENSHIP SKIT ENCOURAGES SOCIETIES TO ENTER AWARDS PROGRAM

"Studying My Indian" Presented At Mercer County (Pennsylvania) Meeting To Promote Citizenship Activities



Participants were (standing, from left) Carol
Ris, Sam Miller, and Ruth Johnson; (seated)
Mary Ann Reithmiller.

Endeavorers in Mercer County, Pennsylvania, received some good suggestions for possible citizenship activities to enter in the 62 Citizenship Awards Program, thanks to a clever skit presented at a recent union meeting.

Prepared by Mrs. Mary Ellen McAllister, county officer, the skit was called "Studying My Indian." Concrete suggestions were given for three possible citizenship projects. Here are some excerpts from the skit.

Carol and Ruth look at a Christian Endeavor literature display; Sam enters.

CAROL: Hi. What are you doing?

CAROL: Just looking at some of the literature. Did you know that our society could win \$200 in the Citizenship Awards Program?

CAROL: Never heard of it. What do we do? Write in 25 words why we think our county president is a good citizen and send it with three box tops from a package of Christian Endeavor?

RUTH: (smiling) No . . . according to this folder we select an activity in an area of Christian citizenship in which our entire society can participate. After we carry out the project, we send a description of it to the International Society and it is judged in competition with other society projects from all over the country.

CAROL: Why don't we each take one of these folders on "What Is Christian Citi-

zenship?" and really study it? Then we can get together again next week and maybe each of us can have a project to suggest.

"A WEEK" rushes past.

CAROL: Funny, isn't it, but when you begin to think about something ideas start to come from all over. At school one of the fellows gave a book report on "I Led Three Lives," written by a man who was a counterspy for the government (Herbert Philbrick), and it got me to thinking how little most people know about Communism and what it really teaches. I'd like to see our society have a project to inform our church members and the community about this.

SAM: My idea is for a series of four Family Mondays. The first would be a family tureen supper at the church. We could show the film, "Faith of Our Families." It's a "how to" film on family worship. A panel of two parents and two teens could discuss home life the next week at another church-wide family night. The third week, two or three families in a neighborhood might meet in one of the homes. They could have devotions, and a discussion of family standards. I think by the fourth week we would be ready for a real family stay-at-home night.

RUTH: I'd like to suggest that our project promote the proper use of Sunday. I

thought maybe we could borrow a tape recorder and conduct on-the-street interviews and ask people what they usually do on Sunday and why. We could play them back at our meeting and discuss the answers. Also there is the play, "A Day to Remember," and the movie, "The Triumphant Tradition."

CAROL: It sounds like we have three good ideas here. We can present them all to our whole society at the business meeting and let them vote.

RUTH: We've got to get started right away. Entries must be mailed by February 5.

SAM: Just think, \$200! I've got to start studying my Indian.

CAROL: You've got to start *what*?

SAM: Studying my Indian. There's another \$200 for the winning group to send someone to the International Summer Assembly at Huntington, Indiana, next July to accept the award. Naturally, I assume it will be the guy who thought up the winning project.

RUTH: Pretty sure of yourself, aren't you? But I don't get this Indian bit.

SAM: I want to know the language. Don't they speak Indian in Indiana?

For complete details about the 1962 Citizenship Awards Program, write to the Citizenship Director of the International Society at the address shown below.

TO ENTER AWARDS PROGRAM

Study the folder "What Is Christian Citizenship?" and select some significant Christian citizenship activity. Organize the society for action and complete the activity by February 5. Keep full records of objectives and plans and accomplishments.

Detach the entry form at the right, fill out, and attach materials describing the activity—written report, photographs, press clippings, drawings, commendations, etc.

Mail the entry form and all accompanying materials to the Citizenship Director of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by February 5, 1962. All entries will be acknowledged.

IMPORTANT! DO NOT SEND ENTRY UNTIL PROJECT IS COMPLETED! SUBMIT MATERIALS DESCRIBING THE ACTIVITY WITH THE ENTRY FORM.

DECEMBER, 1961

ENTRY FORM (Print or type in full)

(Valid only if postmarked no later than February 5, 1962, and received by the International Society in Columbus, Ohio, by February 16, 1962)

Please enter the citizenship activity described in the attached materials in Christian Endeavor's Citizenship Awards Program.

(Name of society or group)

(Name of church)

(Address of church)

(Name and address of person sending entry)

(Your office or position in society or church)

Send to Citizenship Director, International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

All entries become the property of the International Society of Christian Endeavor. All participating societies or groups agree to abide by the decisions of the judges, which are final.



"We wish you a merry Christmas, and a happy New Year."

Greetings for the Christmas season and good wishes for 1962 from all of us who work at Christian Endeavor Headquarters at 1221 East Broad Street in Columbus, Ohio.

In the photo above are (seated, from left) Phyllis I. Rike, administrative secretary; Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary; and Delno W. Brown, educational secretary; (standing, from left) Muriel N. McMullen, shipping clerk; Mary L. Collier, typist; Patty K. Johnson, stenographer; Roberta L. Jackson, secretary; Mrs. H. W. Hughes, circula-

tion clerk; Mrs. John C. Tope, assistant to the treasurer; M. Leon Coleman, secretary; Mrs. Eugene Brown, secretary; and Carl F. Herrmann, manager of the Publishing Department.

Each Monday morning we meet as the Headquarters of the Christian Endeavor Society. Won't you include us and the work of Christian Endeavor in your prayers during the coming year? We look forward to great things for Christian Endeavor in 1962 as together we "Venture With Christ."

CELEBRATE THE 81st ANNIVERSARY WITH A FULL WEEK OF ACTIVITIES

Christian Endeavor Week 1962 will be observed from Sunday, January 28, to Sunday, February 4. Although the actual birthday of the movement falls on February 2, it should be marked by a complete WEEK of activities, not just a one-day observance.

When well planned, Christian Endeavor Week is a full week of activities geared to help young people become better acquainted with themselves, their church, their faith, and their role in the church today. It is an opportunity for youth to show adults that theirs is a living, working faith.

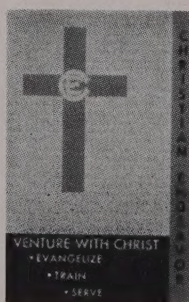
To help Christian Endeavor societies plan a well-rounded schedule of events, the International Society of Christian Endeavor has prepared a number of helpful items. These include a manual of suggestions, plans, and resources; a script for a radio program; a suggested television program; plans for a Freedomland Party; a brand new two-color bulletin cover; a matching special events poster; and many other items.

All of these are part of the 1962 Christian Endeavor Week Packet, which may be secured for 50c from Christian Endeavor International at 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio.

"Called to Christian Freedom," the theme

for the Week, is also the topic for Sunday, January 28, for Junior High societies and for Senior High-Young People's groups. Topic comments can be found in this issue of THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD on pages 16 and 17.

Are you ready for Christian Endeavor Week 1962? Now is the time to plan for a meaningful week of events in your society—your church—your union. Make it "Operation Youth" January 28 through February 4.



These new bulletin covers, attractively printed in peacock blue and black, are excellent for church bulletins, union programs, and other special events. Furnished flat, they fold to 8½" x 5½"; a package of 100 costs \$2.00. The matching poster, size 8½" x 14", provides space at the bottom for adding local information; 5c each, 50c a dozen, \$3.50 a hundred.

Leadership Training Institute Scheduled for Guatemala

Christian youth and their leaders in Latin America are being invited to participate in the Christian Endeavor Leadership Training Institute to be held December 29-January 5 at the Mount Zion conference grounds on the outskirts of Guatemala City.

It is expected that delegates from Mexico, Honduras, El Salvador, Colombia, and Guatemala will attend.

Rev. John Shackelford of Guatemala City is director of the Institute. Mr. Shackelford, who is a United Presbyterian missionary from California, serves as counselor of Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church in Guatemala.

Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of both the International Society and the World's Christian Endeavor Union, will participate in the Institute which will feature two days of meetings with English-speaking missionary leaders and five days directed by Spanish-speaking leaders and young people.

Mr. Westerhoff plans to visit with Mexican Christian Endeavorers in Merida, Yucatan, December 26-29 en route to Guatemala.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD

"It will take positive action and unrelenting vigilance, plus endurance and strong faith,"
says the author.

CHRIST'S WAY is the *only* way to overcome Communism. Christians — those who believe in Him—have a terrific responsibility to make Christ's way known to all men.

Every Christian witness in every act of life is demanded in these perilous days of Communist infiltration of every nation—including the United States. Already its various ways are strangling the American government. Note the censorship now placed on military leaders, forbidding invitation to service men on how to combat Communism; the Defense Establishment's censorship policies revealed by Senator Strom Thurmond, where such phrases as "Communist bloc" and "the enemy" have been deleted in speeches by military men; made to read "Sino-Soviet bloc" and "potential aggressor"; decisions of the Supreme Court that favor Communists; efforts to destroy the Un-American Activities Committee; among a growing list of apparent Communistic stabs for control of American minds.

Christianity can overcome Communism—it will take positive action and unrelenting vigilance, plus endurance and strong faith in God. It must begin in the heart and mind of each individual wherever he is and it must begin NOW. Some cry it is already too late to wake up America, yet God and again God has used a few righteous men to overcome evil. But what can I do, you ask? Start with your Christian Endeavor society—and act. Too long have Christians been complacent and comfortable in routine worship and minimum church activities. To keep this nation "under God," and God alone, demands complete consecration of time, talents, and materials. Time is short, and sacrifice is imperative.

Christian Endeavor societies can set the pace for this battle of Christianity versus Communism. Victory will come if you faint not, fear not, and have faith in God's supreme power. Start with your group on the suggestions listed, add others—and get into action NOW!

Christian Endeavor stands for "Christ and the Church." This is what Communism would destroy. Make certain those with these aims do not infiltrate or assume leadership within your church and its organizations. Communism is a form of "religion," an ideology, whose end justifies any means (including killing, stealing, cheating), acknowledging no human rights or justice. Atheistic in concept and obsessed with its practical idolatry, opponents have no status as persons but are merely obstacles to be removed by the most efficient methods available. Thus Communists scorn the church and seek to wreck it by any means, including the speakers for youth groups representing misnomer subversive organizations, dissemination of propaganda literature through the churches, and church school literature promoting Communistic views on controversial subjects. Examine closely to see if Communists are using your church.

More intensive Bible study is a first step for Christian Endeavor societies to increase

faith and knowledge of Christ's way for combatting evil.

Then a study of how Communism operates can be a next step for your group. Review such current books as *"Red Star Over Cuba,"* by Nathaniel Weyl, an ex-Communist expert on Latin American affairs; *My 25 Years in China* by John B. Powell or *Russian Race for Asia* by George Creel; *Masters of Deceit* by J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director; *What We Must Know About Communism* by Harry and Bonaro Overstreet; and *Ten Years as a Counterspy* by Boris Morros. If your public library does not have them, follow through on your request until they are available. A recent press release pointed out censorship by omission in our public libraries, stating that "alert citizens have become increasingly aware of the difficulty in finding current or older conservative, anti-Communist books on the shelves of many public libraries—and a great ease in coming upon volumes with a 'liberal,' even pro-Communist slant."

Write letters to your congressional representatives—and keep your state and local leaders informed of your views—to keep operative the democratic system of representative government.

Encourage Christian men and women to become candidates for office and vote for them.

Support qualified people for school boards, teachers, and administrators of schools.

Center programs or discussion group meetings on "How Christianity Can Overcome Communism." Spread the truth, for only the truth can make us free.

Encourage participation in Freedoms Foundation Awards for efforts to preserve political and economic rights, based on a fundamental belief in God.

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Christianity can overcome Communism

By PHYLLIS G. BROWN

Review "Freedom's Facts Against Communism," monthly publication of the All-American Conference to Combat Communism, 917 - 15th Street, N.W., Washington 5, D.C.; subscription rate, \$3.00 per year; bulk rates on request.

Have your group review carefully the booklet *A Business Man Looks at Communism* by Fred C. Koch, Kansas industrialist who once worked in Soviet Russia, who points out the targets of Communism in America by infiltrating the schools and universities, the churches, the labor unions, armed forces, and the United States Government.

Consider seriously the warning of J. Edgar Hoover, FBI Director:

"The defense of the cherished freedoms secured and handed down to us by our forefathers is the responsibility of each American. Knowledge of the enemy, alertness to the danger, and everyday patriotism are the brick and mortar with which we can build an impregnable fortress against Communism. Only the intelligent efforts of all Americans can prevent the decay of public apathy from laying open our nation to the Red menace."

Christianity must become the aggressor to build a strong faith, "acquiring power in the Lord" to stand firm against the "brain-corrupting tactics of ungodly men."

Billy Graham recently stated that "Our leaders are fearful, confused and almost totally pessimistic about our chances to survive as a nation." Every concession made in appeasement has been a victory for Communism. Pray for strong Christian leaders who will take a firm stand under God's guidance.

Christianity has a message for this hour. Let's get it across and quickly, doubling our efforts to carry out Christ's command that we "love one another." Fantastic, idealistic—yet, let's dare it, starting in your group! Rise above the dedicated fanaticism of Russian radicals! Christianity is the most feared weapon of Communists; hence, they seek to destroy the soul of man and reduce him to the lowest estate. Here is the challenge of the church to build a spiritual bulwark.

In his article, "Christ for a World in Revolution," Everett W. Palmer concludes that "Communism does not have a chance wherever the spirit and meaning of Jesus Christ is alive and at work. Indeed, Communism succeeds only by reason of Christianity's default."

America can be saved if we heed the words of the Scripture: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sins, and will heal their land."

From our knees, let us rise to the tasks of making Christ's ways known, for He came to set men free.



Australian
Christian Endeavor
Touring Party
Journeys to
New Zealand
To Witness
For Christ

Australian Youth Tour New Zealand

A party of thirty Christian Endeavorers under the leadership of Rev. H. Norman Pell, national director of the Christian Endeavor Union of Australia, left Sydney on May 8 on the "Oriana" for New Zealand, to lead a series of meetings covering both islands of that country. They returned home on May 29.

The Endeavorers received a warm welcome and generous hospitality wherever they visited. The meetings held made a great spiritual impact upon the churches, and enthusiastic reports were received of the impression made by the team.

Rev. G. Morrison Yule, president of the New Zealand Union, writes of their visit to Auckland:

The Rev. Norman Pell and his large "family" quickly found a place in our appreciation and affections. There were envious glances at our visitors' lapel badges, and also much admiration for the attractive uniformity of their blazers.

We liked their eager desire to make a worthy contribution to our movement in New Zealand and the spirit in which this was done. We liked their friendliness without fuss and their happy adjustment to new circumstances. We liked their readiness on occasions formal or informal to respond without ostentation.

After three and a half days, during which our fellowship was expressed in social welcome, outings, official rally and church services, we said "Goodbye" reluctantly and with every confidence that the Lord would use them throughout the church.

The direct results in terms of stimulus to our societies and of interest in the movement may not yet be apparent. But a well attended rally attests a considerable interest in their witness as a group of young Christians committed to Christ and to the principles of Christian Endeavor.

They won our warm regard; they were concerned to commend Christ; we appreciated the visit immensely.

From Dunedin the president of the local union, Rev. J. N. Smith, who is minister of the Kaikorai Presbyterian Church, writes:

"Tired and hungry" was the local newspaper's description of the party when they arrived in Dunedin, but these symptoms disappeared very quickly. A three-course meal in St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church Hall shared with Christian Endeavor leaders, worked wonders, demonstrating again the real fellowship which exists in Christian Endeavor circles. The rally in the church

was attended by some 140 people, who challenged to use Christian Endeavor as a means through which Christ could be presented to modern youth.

One of the young people, Maureen Morgan, Junior Superintendent from Adelaide, South Australia, in her report of the said:

Friendship, fun, fellowship, and thankful to God for His wonderful goodness to us could be said to be the keynotes of our tour of New Zealand.

From the moment of really getting together the "Oriana," a spirit of friendliness and shared interest began to pervade our team, and developed into a very warm experience as journey continued.

In the homes in which we were guests, in the churches where we joined together in worship, all barriers of denomination and country were swept aside and we were at one—all part of Christ's church. Fellowship cannot be explained; it has to be experienced; and I think it will be one of our choicest memories.

How challenged we all were as we took part in meetings and church services to know that God was working through us, for the encouragement of His people in Christian Endeavor, the extension of His Church, and for the winning of people to Christ.

The value of this trip lies not only in the consecration of the lives of the thirty touring young people, in the renewed interest in Christian Endeavor throughout New Zealand, but in the lives which were won for Christ and in the lives who, in the future, will come to know Him as their Lord and Master.



LEFT, TOP—Ready to leave for New Zealand are David Murray, Noele Davidson, Elsa Langley, Rev. H. Norman Pell, and Beverley Burke. LEFT, BOTTOM—Some of the tour members in Auckland. BELOW—Auckland leaders who welcomed the party are (from left) Rev. Adam Loudon, local union president and minister of Royal Oak Baptist Church; Mr. Pell; Murray F. Smith, national secretary; Rev. G. Morrison Yule, national president; and I. Smith, local union secretary.



HONOR SOCIETIES—MAY-OCTOBER

See the last list was published of societies and unions who have officially become members of the International Society of Christian Endeavor by financial support during Membership Mobilization, a number of others have participated in the 1961 Roll Call.

Organizations listed below contributed during the period from May 1 through October 31. Those receiving gold seals contributed \$50 or more; red seals sent a gift of \$30; and blue seals a contribution of \$15.

Gold Seal

Board of Education, Churches of God in North America (General Eldership), Harrisburg, Pennsylvania
Philadelphia Longtimers Association, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Red Seal

Young People's, Woodcliff Community Church, North Bergen, New Jersey
North High, Pleasant Grove Christian Church, Dallas, Texas

Blue Seal

Baptist Church, Georgetown, Washington, D.C.

Adult, Haiku Protestant Church, Paia, Maui, Hawaii
Grayston Avenue United Brethren Church, Huntington, Indiana
First Reformed Church of Detroit, Detroit, Michigan
Varick, Metropolitan A.M.E. Zion Church, Ridge-wood, New Jersey
Union Evangelical Church, Corona, New York
Alumni Fellowship of New York City, New York, New York
Bethany Presbyterian Church, Havertown, Pennsylvania
United Brethren in Christ Church, Oil City, Pennsylvania
Senior High, Leacock Presbyterian Church, Paradise, Pennsylvania
The Fellowship Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Leverington Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Junior High, Southwestern United Presbyterian Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Bethlehem Evangelical United Brethren Church, Red Lion, Pennsylvania
Cogan House Christian Church, Trout Run, Pennsylvania
Junior, Trinity Reformed Church, Waupun, Wisconsin
George Town, Elmslie Memorial Presbyterian Church, Grand Cayman, The West Indies

COMING EVENTS For Your Prayer Calendar

Here is a list of Christian Endeavor conventions and conferences scheduled to be held during the next few months. Remember these events in your daily Quiet Hour.

JANUARY

28-February 4—Christian Endeavor Week

FEBRUARY

17—Pacific Regional Conference, Portland, Oregon

MARCH

15-18—Oregon, The Dalles

CHICAGO CLOSE-UP

A set of more than 150 Kodachrome 2x2 slides with accompanying script, giving a complete visual report of the recent International Convention in Chicago, is now available on a loan basis from the International Society of Christian Endeavor. Prepared by Rev. Christian A. Tirre of Camden, Ohio, this unit is entitled "Chicago Close-Up." Write to Phyllis I. Rike, Administrative Secretary, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio, to schedule use of the slides. There is no charge except postage.

Christmas shopping still to do?

Please your Christian Endeavor friends with one of these attractive gifts — and do it the easy way, by mail!

New Testament with Psalms

Christian Endeavor Edition—Contains pages with Christian Endeavor pledge, principles and motto. King James Version. Genuine leather, fine grain, flexible overlapping covers, round corners, red under gold edges, ribbon marker, individually boxed, CE emblem stamped in genuine gold on front cover. 2 3/4" x 4 1/4", 3/4" thick. \$2.25.

Pins

Style #22 — CE monogram with safety clasp. Gold, \$2.00; silver, \$1.00.

Style #33—Small CE monogram with screw back for lapel. Gold, \$2.00; silver, \$1.00.

Style #170 — Rolled gold over sterling silver, enamel inlaid, with safety catch. CE monogram in center with words "For Christ and the Church" encircling the monogram. \$2.00.

Pendant

Mother-of-Pearl with gold CE emblem and fine gold chain with clasp. \$4.50.

Junior Pins

Junior Corinthian silver. In shape of Junior Shield. \$.50.

Junior sterling silver and blue enamel in shape of Junior Shield with safety clasp. \$1.75.

Tie Clasps

Style #50-N—Snap-on tie bar, Corinthian silver. \$1.75.

Style #52—With chain, sterling silver. \$2.00.

Ties

Red durable fabric with CE motto emblem in white. \$1.75.

Snap-on bow ties — "Colonel" (Long John) — red background with words "CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR" and the CE emblem in white. \$2.00.

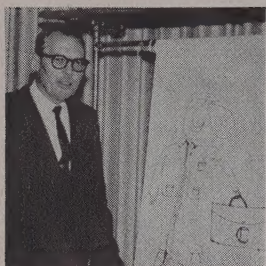
Jackets

Zipper front, scarlet, made of water repellent Zelan finished poplin with CE emblem and motto in white on back of shirt. \$8.50.

Prices include Federal Jewelry Tax

Write for the CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR LITERATURE AND SUPPLIES CATALOG, which lists many other gift suggestions, including a complete line of attractive jewelry inexpensively priced. International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio

FROM MICHIGAN CITY TO MONTREAL

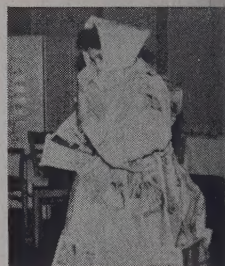


Elwood Dunn presents "Mr. C. E. Sayles."

Michigan City, Indiana, was the scene of the Great Lakes Regional Conference, held at the Hotel Spaulding October 7-8. William R. Bonnema of Illinois, regional vice-president, directed activities, under the theme "Glow, Grow, Go." Rev. Harold F. Leestma of Trinity Reformed Church, Munster, Indiana, was banquet speaker; Rev. Walter M. Burkholder, general secretary of the Department of Christian Education of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ, spoke Sunday morning.

Southern Region Endeavorers met October 13-15 at The Assembly Inn, Montreal, North Carolina. Alice Goodman of Virginia is regional vice-president. Theme was "Venture With Christ." The program included the opening devotional talk by Elizabeth McKnight of Richmond, Virginia, and a "This Is How We Do It" panel with representatives from various unions.

Both regional conferences featured participation by the three staff members of the International Society, plus leadership training classes and the Freedomland Party which is suggested for use during Christian Endeavor Week 1962.



She's portraying a "Southern Belle."

Southern Regional Conference



Four union presidents at open board meeting with Alice Goodman (left) and Harold E. Westerhoff of International Society.

Great Lakes Regional Conference



Hearty singing led by Dale Ver Meer of Michigan, with Sharon Van Loo of Wisconsin at the piano.



You guessed it—Washington Crossing the Delaware was their stunt at the party.



Head table members wear masks for a rendition of "Let Me Call You Sweetheart" during banquet fun.



Alabama Union with Violet Keith (second from left), president, presiding at the attractive refreshment table.



Everyone participates in the Freedomland Party, with Nathalie Nyhuis of Michigan in charge.

With Adults in Christian Endeavor

A page especially for Young Adults (25-35) and Adults (36-up)

ADULT TOPIC SUMMARIES

Prepared by the Adult Work Committee: Dr. Earle W. Gates, chairman; Phyllis G. Brown, Jay Sheffield

Overcoming Communism Christians Must Act Boldly

Matthew 25:14-30; Mark 8:34-38

Consecrated Christians can combat Communism by bringing men to know Christ, so alone can set them free. Zealous and dedicated Christians must win individuals to Christ's way. It's too late to ask, "What can I do?" Christians must act if they would serve their freedom and save the souls of mankind. Too long have we been content with conventionalism. Communism conquers our complacency. How have Christians failed so that Communism has reached such proportions, strangling men and nations? How can Christians check the threat of enslavement Communism poses? Christians must act boldly now to bring young men and young women, as well as mature men and women, into the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. His way is the only way.

Truth and Freedom

John 8:32-36; Philippians 2:9-11

Christian citizens can overcome Communism if we extend freedom in Christ. Since

Communists have no morals understood by liberty-loving people, Christian citizens must combat with truth their insidious evils that bore from within. "While the morality of Christianity proceeds from the will of God, the morality of Communism proceeds from the principle of national expediency," says Dr. C. Darby Fulton. More than lip service is required of us; we must actively proclaim the truth that makes men free. How can we do so through business relationships and participation in civic affairs?

Leadership Education

1. Study to Be Approved

II Timothy 2:2,7,15; 3:16,17

God calls both leaders and followers to do His work among men. Those called to leadership need a knowledge of the Bible and a firm faith to lead others. They must search the Scriptures and study to show themselves "approved unto God." According to varying talents, some are called to preach, some to teach, and some to fulfill other responsibilities. Basic to each are certain qualifications for Christian leadership. "Some Qualifications for Christian Leadership" is

available from the International Society of Christian Endeavor; this check list could well be the basis of a study and discussion for your group. Make leadership training a part of each meeting or concentrate on a leadership training class.

2. Needed: Alert and Dedicated Leaders

Psalms 24; I Timothy 3:1-16

Leadership within the church is too often assumed without an understanding of its responsibilities. Take a look at your church and how it operates. Who are the leaders, how are they chosen, and what are their duties? How does the church help its leaders live up to their obligations and responsibilities? From an objective viewpoint, does the church organization need revamping in keeping with today's needs? Doing things the same way may have lost its effectiveness. A changeless faith in a changing world calls for leadership education. Examine the program and materials of your church. What can you do to make it a loyal, working, worshiping church of the living God?

The Adult Grade as a Going Concern

by Rev. L. J. Harris

It was in June, 1956, that I found myself pastor of a semi-industrial parish of some 1,000 people. My predecessor had introduced Christian Endeavor some nine years before and Junior, Intermediate, and Young People's Grades were in operation. It was not long before the existing Junior Grade was divided into two age groups meeting separately, and a new Junior Buds was formed.

My problem was that in the Young People's Grade there were ages ranging from 17 to 80 years. The committee system was functioning fairly well and members were receiving some training. However, there were definitely two different age groups, each with different outlook and interests.

Receiving Crusade Converts

In the months prior to the Graham Crusade, I found myself facing the problem of having my church organized and ready to handle the converts from the Crusade. There was a monthly Men's Group and also a Women's Group meeting in the parish, but they were not organized to supply all the encouragement and instruction that new adult converts would need. As I thought of the existing Young People's Grade, there were also mixed feelings in my mind. I decided to act.

At a meeting of the Young People's Grade I explained the principle of grading and my desire to form an Adult Grade. This meant taking some nine members into an Adult Grade and leaving about the same number

in the Young People's Grade. I found both groups well satisfied.

I discovered that some of the younger members had been embarrassed for some time on account of the experience of older members, and later events showed that they were now able to go on with the training suited to their own age level. These younger members discovered much more freedom in discussion.

The same principle existed in the new Adult Grade with deeper Bible studies and sharing of experiences. For some time the Adult Grade met on Sunday afternoons, but then it was transferred to Saturday nights.

Training for Service

One rejoices to hear of Bible Study Groups, Adult Bible Classes, etc., in the various churches today. However, I am impelled to ask if all the adults in these groups are receiving *Christian training for service*? Is their own life being stimulated by chain prayer? Do they have a regular turn in chairing a meeting? Are they being trained in the value of committee systems? Is their vision of the church enlarged by their regular cooperation with district unions and state and national conventions?

Churches always need the trained leaders that Christian Endeavor can turn out; have we found ANY organization that can do the job better?

Suggestions for Forming an Adult Grade

- There are usually adults attached to the churches who have Christian Endeavor

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background and are quite happy to attend a weekly Adult Grade.

- *Many Young People's Grades have members over 25 years of age who are the source of an active Adult Grade. Those remaining in the Young People's Grade will benefit by retaining their own age group.*

- It seems essential to me that the principle of promotion into higher grades be the accepted Christian Endeavor practice, and that Endeavorers over 25 years should expect and be thrilled to go on to the final grade.

- *Should we assume that all the training in earlier grades be finished at 25 years? Is not this great wealth of experience and training a background of deep satisfying Christian fellowship in a well run Adult Grade?*

- Is not a well run Adult Grade a source of leaders for the Junior Grades?

- *The Adult Grade does provide the minister with a nucleus of sanctified people, from whom he may seek prayerful help, encouragement, and sympathetic action.*

- An Adult Grade can be the source of training for any new converts that come from evangelistic campaigns. Even nominal church members can be better challenged as adults by meeting with members of the Adult Grade.

- *Adults need the constant challenge of the pledge which is used at the monthly Consecration meeting.*

- The minister should be active in the Adult Grade, being present at meetings as much as possible.



What's New?

Revelation 21:5; Romans 6:1-6

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) January 7

Preparation

Collect and post, at least one week in advance of the meeting, items from newspapers and magazines, including church papers, displaying on the bulletin boards in the Sunday school rooms and society meeting room, news in the various fields of youth interest. Include science, space travel, sports, entertainment, new books, new cars, new laws, and church activities.

Suggested Program

Hymn Singing

Place a placard in front of the room quoting Psalm 33:3. In advance, ask an able song leader from your own group or an invited guest to lead in the learning of several songs, songs which will be useful in future meetings.

Leader's Introduction

Hymn: *Tell Me the Old, Old Story*

Panel Discussion of Bible Characters

Scripture: Revelation 21:5; Romans 6:1-6

Sentence Prayers

Hymn: *Living for Jesus*

Guest Speaker

Invite a member from another youth group to tell briefly about some activity or method, new to your society, but which they have found successful.

Announcements and Offering

The president may announce the formation of a new committee in your society for the new year such as a transportation committee. This group might serve in bringing those needing rides to your regular church services. He may also call for volunteers to bring a new member to the next Christian Endeavor meeting with them.

Benediction

Suggestions for Leader's Introduction

Announce the topic *What's New* by referring briefly to the news display and mentioning the fact that since the time of Christ, His followers have interpreted the news in the light of His teaching. Read aloud at this time John 13:31-35. To find the new and Christian way we must use the source of good news, which is the Bible. State that the following panel discussion will seek to point out new aspects of Christian living.

Panel Discussion

Choose, in advance, from four to eight

Pictures of Christian Endeavorers being carried currently on the topic pages are used to represent all Christian youth who study these topics in the weekly meetings of their societies.

members of your society to serve on the panel, preferably half boys and half girls. The leader may serve as moderator, or he may ask his minister to serve. The moderator will guide the discussion by simply calling the names of the panel members in turn, left and right, as they are seated, or by asking, "What new thing can we learn from another Bible character?" To be more helpful, he can secure a digest of the reports in advance and ask leading questions to make the panel sound more spontaneous and less formal.

Suggestions for Character Studies (Panel)

1. *Zacchaeus* (Luke 19:1-10) teaches us anew that if we really would be Christian, we must put ourselves out to do so. He was so eager to see Jesus that he ran before Him and climbed up into a sycamore tree. His reward was the personal friendship of Jesus, who spoke to him by telling him to hasten down because that day He would visit his home. Jesus will be with us in our homes also when we are eager and active to receive Him.

2. *Dorcas* (Acts 9:36-42) is a good example of a person who works hard to benefit the needy. Her biography is told in one phrase. She was "full of good works and almsdeeds." Her eulogy was one of gratitude and sorrow by those whom she had helped, for the account says that at her death the widows wept and showed the garments which she had made. Now we know why it is fitting that Sunday school classes and other groups of women should use the name of Dorcas.

3. *Nicodemus* (John 3:1-13) may not be altogether an admirable character, for he seemed ashamed to follow the leading of the Spirit, probably because of his political and social standing as a Pharisee and a ruler of the Jews. Nevertheless, he did come to Jesus for counsel, and he confessed his belief in Jesus and His power. Jesus blessed Nicodemus by answering his questions and explaining the way of a good life to him. We have the same privilege of coming to Jesus with our problems and receiving His help and comfort through prayer and Bible study.

4. *Martha* (Luke 10:38-42) is a character who often gets sympathy from those women of the church who do useful tasks of keeping the sanctuary clean, preparing communion, providing flowers, or doing kitchen duty for fellowship suppers. They remember only that Jesus scolded her and praised her sister Mary (*refer to text*). We forget that Martha was the hostess who not only served but also listened. The text says that Martha received Jesus into her house and that she had a sister called Mary who also sat at

Jesus' feet. So we may learn that sometimes our efforts may not be openly appreciated when we perform lowly tasks as those who are gifted in spiritual life or public work. Like Martha, though, we may be the means of bringing others to Christ and of making it possible for them to become great Christian workers.

5. *Lydia* (Acts 16:12-15), who worshipped God, heard the story of Christ, was baptized, influenced her household for Christ, and insisted that the preachers stay in her home, is always the example of the Christian business woman. From her we learn the lessons of regular worship, of responding to the call of Christ, and of feeling responsible for the salvation of our families and friends. We learn also the lesson of being generous in hospitality, especially workers in the church.

6. *Joseph of Arimathea* (Matthew 27:60) was a friend of Christ who was willing to give of his best to the Master. He begged the body of Jesus and "laid it in his own new tomb." Many times when charity drives us on we hunt and search for our own out garments or those we really need, but we are not able to present new gifts to the Master. There used to be a moment which did much to dispel this tendency by requiring the giving of two new garments each year. Unlike Joseph, we are not able to present new gifts to the Master, Christ, but we know that He has promised, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one, the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me."

7. *Elijah* reminds us in II Kings 2:11 that space travel is not exactly new, for God took him up in a chariot of fire by a whirlwind into heaven. From an incident in his ministry (I Kings 19:4-18) we also learn that all of us can become discouraged. He sat down under a juniper tree and requested the Lord to take away his life. When God asked him why he was idle, he began to brag about how good he had been, always been and how bad everybody else had been. God's answer is one from which we may profit. First, God told him to go forth and stand on the mount before the Lord. The modern counterpart would be to receive more training, study, and inspiration through attending retreats, conferences, conventions, and mission schools. Then God told him to go, to return to the field of service and obey the commands which He gave him. The inference is that Christ's action will dispel our discouragement. When we are prepared to serve others in the church, God expects us to busy ourselves about His business.

8. *Simon of Cyrene* (Matthew 27:32) was a little-praised character, perhaps for a good cause as the Bible account states that he was *compelled* to bear his cross, referring to the actual cross upon which Jesus was to be crucified. There might have been a way for him to have escaped the assignment. He might have pleaded illness or affliction or urgent personal business, but he did not. We frequently have the tendency to make excuses when we are asked to do some service at the church or take some part in a meeting, but perhaps if we *compel* ourselves to attend and to participate in services, we will come to enjoy them and realize the blessing.

Comments by Miss Edna A. Pyle, a junior high schoolteacher and librarian in Vincennes, Indiana.

THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

The Leader

do not miss the opportunity that is before you. There are some young people in our society who have had thoughts of how they should begin a New Year, but feel they have already failed. This meeting can encourage them to realize that it is not too late, but that they can begin now—this first Sunday of the year. Give them new goals, new aims, a new vision of possible achievement.

Some societies have found it meaningful to have a make-believe casket in which members place old ways they wish buried as they begin a new year. A mirror placed before each one passes before it, seeing himself as he really is, can also be helpful at this meeting.

The first Sunday of each month is Consecration Sunday in many societies. If it has not been your regular practice, consider beginning it now. Allow time for members to find a Scripture verse or a stanza of some hymn that shows determination or dedication, and have them give it in answer to their name in the roll call.

Suggested Program Outline

Prayer Service
Hymn: *With Thy Spirit Fill Me*
Hymn: *He Lives*
Prayer by the Leader
Hymn: *I Need Jesus*
Bible Scripture Readings
Prayer (Try a chain prayer, designating a certain number of participants. Name the first one, and from then on each one names another until the proper number has been reached.)
Hymn: *Where He Leads Me*
Announcements
Offering
Social Music
Introduction of Topic by Leader
Discussion and Questions
Consecration Service
Closing Hymn: *There's A New Day Dawning* or *Have Thine Own Way*
Benediction

Topic Introduction

As leader, you should introduce the topic by explaining that *Christian* young people must face each new year unafraid. No one knows what lies before him, even from one day to the next. Yet we must not fear and read, for God does know what lies ahead, trusting in the verse Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose," we can eagerly and cheerfully say, "Hello, 1962!"

Of course, there will be heartaches, sorrows, and disappointments as well as joys, happiness, and contentment. God has prepared us for such days. It's often in these apparently difficult times that we draw closer to Him. Life is not humdrum; it is either all uphill nor all downhill. We need to go down into the valley sometimes in order to appreciate more the times we are in the mountain top.

To help young people face the uncertainty of the future, there are four suggestions in this topic.

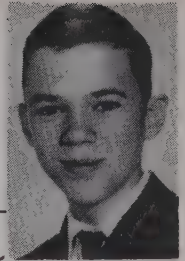
A Prayer for 1962

Determine in this New Year 1962 to make "the Lord's Prayer" each one's own personal prayer. When it is being prayed aloud in groups, pray it; don't recite it. Capture its full meaning.

Hello, 1962!

Psalms 23:1; Revelation 11:15-17;

Matthew 6:9-14



January 7

Junior High (12-14 Years)

FOR DISCUSSION

1. As you pray "the Lord's Prayer," on what basis are you asking God for forgiveness?
2. What are the five elements of "the Lord's Prayer"? Are there other kinds of prayer?
3. What outstanding thought do you receive from the hymn *Take Time to Be Holy*?
4. Discuss together the meaning of the fourth stanza of this hymn.
5. What chief help do you receive from the twenty-third Psalm?
6. Why do you think we are encouraged to learn this Psalm from the time of our childhood?
7. What are some things you already know about the Book of Revelation? What else might we learn from studying it further?
8. Would our society like to choose a society hymn for 1962?
9. Would we like to write our prayer for the year, including the five elements of "the Lord's Prayer"?
10. Would we like to prepare together a teen-age code of ethics for 1962? (Perhaps each member might prepare a list at home, and then you could formulate a single workable code at this or some other meeting soon.)

Each one should examine himself and his understanding of it, making sure every phrase is clear. What are you acknowledging, asking, seeking, promising? Do you pray it daily?

We are taught that this prayer is the perfect pattern for any prayer. A complete prayer consists of five portions: praise, thanksgiving, forgiveness, intercession, and petition. Can you find these five areas in "the Lord's Prayer"?

A Song for 1962

Take Time to Be Holy is suggested as the Song of the Year for Junior High Endeavorers. Read it over together. (*Make sure you have a hymnal with you that contains it.*)

Although this hymn was written a number of years ago, its words are as appropriate as though it were written just today. It encourages Bible reading, prayer, and meditation. It speaks of the rush and hurry of the world today. It mentions that joys and sorrows lie ahead. It reminds us that our conduct is being noticed.

Learn the verses of this hymn; sing them over and over to yourself this year; live what they teach.

A Psalm for 1962

The 23rd Psalm is suggested as an appropriate Scripture for the year. Not unfamiliar, it has probably been learned by each one in his Primary days at Sunday school. Review it, read it, and recite it frequently this year. Dig deeply into its comforting message.

Frequent reference is made to Norman Vincent Peale's *The Power of Positive Thinking*. Have you ever realized how this Psalm reflects that thought-provoking phrase? "The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me . . . He leadeth me . . . He restoreth my soul . . ." Search out the guidance and confidence that are experienced here. Discuss it verse by verse. Take the spirit of it with you wherever you go.

A Book for 1962

It is recommended that Junior Highs study the Book of Revelation in this new year. And it will take a year of sincere reading, searching, and studying for Junior Highs to explore its depths. There are 22 chapters of prophecy or revelation.

Each one should develop his own plan of study. Read it through chapter by chapter in the King James version, and then in other translations such as J. B. Phillips', the New English Bible, Revised Standard Version, those by Weymouth, Moffatt, Goodspeed, etc. Read other books written on the Book of Revelation. Discuss them together from time to time. Talk to your pastor or other Bible students of your acquaintance. Don't be discouraged by what you don't understand. It is a tremendous book, and not fully understood or even agreed upon by the best of Bible students. Study it for what you can obtain. It should be of interest and encouragement to all.

Our New Year's Greeting

Christians young and old can look into the face of 1962 with a cheery hello. The future is a mystery, but the Christian should have no fear, for His Saviour and Master walks before him giving him courage and strength, offering a hand should he stumble or fall. Whatever our path, He has walked it ahead of us and now walks it with us. Whatever the trouble, the Christian and Christ are a majority.

Go into this year with a prayer in your heart, a song on your lips, a psalm of comfort within you, and a book of prophecy beckoning you on. When you come to the end of 1962, you'll look back with happiness over the victories accomplished through Him whom you have loved and served.

Hymns listed in program outlines in THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORLD have been selected from CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR SONGS. This book, with an attractive red and white paper cover, contains 113 songs and hymns for youth meetings. Available from International Society of Christian Endeavor, 1221 East Broad Street, Columbus 16, Ohio. Price: 50c each, \$5 per dozen, \$40 per hundred.

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Christian Investors

Matthew 25:14-30

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Suggested Program Outline

Pre-Prayer Service
Musical Prelude
Call to Worship
Hymn: *When All Thy Mercies, O My God*
Invocation and Lord's Prayer
Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30
Hymn: *More Like the Master*
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Presentation and Discussion of Topic
Hymn: *O Son of Man, Thou Madest Known*
Benediction

Promoting the Meeting

Either secure enough blank bank checks to send one to each member and prospect or make good facsimiles thereof. Fill in as the date the time of meeting. Beneath the date print the name of your group and church. In the blank space following "Pay to the order of" write the name of the person invited. For the amount write in "Your talents." Have the check signed by the phrase "Your Heavenly Father."

Send an accompanying note with the check inviting this person to come to the meeting with it in order to be helped in the best use he can make of the enclosed amount.

Conducting the Meeting

Arrange your meeting room as a business office with a desk and chair if one person is to present the topic. If a panel is to present the material, a long conference table with the necessary number of chairs behind it representing a meeting of the board of directors would be in order. On the desk or table place various desk accessories. On the wall behind hang several graphs copied from the financial pages of a daily newspaper or a business magazine. All this will suggest the office of a financial adviser or banker.

The topic can be presented by one individual or several selected individuals. The one who introduces the topic could be presented as the chairman, and others who present various aspects of the subject could be introduced as members of the board. Then the chairman could conclude by summarizing the ideas presented and invite questions or observations from the floor.

Introduction

The American economic system, with its emphasis on relative freedom for the individual or group to found, develop, and promote a business and its insistence on competition in the market place, has provided the highest living standard enjoyed by any people in the world. This system has been aided by a land abounding in

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. What attitude and qualities should the realization of being stewards of God's gifts beget in us as we consider the use we shall make of them?
2. What virtues will be cultivated in us when we strive to use God's gifts in God's way?
3. What is more important for successful operation, the system or the people living under it? Why?
4. What kind of investment can a Christian make in our economic system to insure its successful operation?
5. Could people live more Christlike lives under another economic system? Explain your answer.

natural resources as well as a people with the ingenuity and the willingness to invest themselves and their money to utilize their natural resources.

Even so, the system is not without enemies. Its enemies are both within and without. Its enemies from within are the greedy, the unscrupulous, the something-for-nothing, the power seekers, and the influence peddlers both in management and labor. From without the chief enemies today are international communism (which seeks to wipe out private ownership of property and private enterprise and establish state ownership and the rule of labor) and protective trade barriers which penalize the efficient for the benefit of the inefficient and prevent the free flow of goods in the international market place.

In the final analysis, however, more important than the system is the people who are involved in it. No matter how good a particular economic system may be, its ultimate success is dependent on the people who live under and work in it. Not all nations are suited for the same economic setup because of size, natural resources, temperament, and educational level. If we believe that the particular economic system under which we live is the best for us, then we must make it work by being the kind of people and doing our particular job in such a manner that will insure its continuing success. To this end, Jesus' parable of the talents has some valuable insights to bestow.

Ultimate Ownership

The first fact that needs recognition is that all things belong to God (see Matthew 25:14). God is the real owner of all that is. We are only stewards or trustees of what we have and will be held accountable for what we do with it, not owners who may do as they please with what they may mistakenly call their own.

To each God has given different gifts since we vary in ability, strength, and wisdom. Men are not equal in talent, but they are in effort. Therefore, what truly

matters is how each man uses what God has entrusted to his care. (Note in parable that the same amount was not given to each servant.)

Reward of Good Stewardship

Since what we have is a trust from God we will be held responsible for the use we make of our stewardship. This realization makes it imperative that we use our gifts and possessions in keeping with what is loving and righteous heavenly Father would approve, not in a selfish, careless, or wasteful fashion.

When our possessions are handled in such a fashion, then God will bless our endeavor so that we shall be able to give a good account of our stewardship. The reward for work done well is not rest, strange as it may sound, but still more work to do. Having proved our worth in this fashion we will receive even greater tasks. (In connection read Matthew 25:21, 23.)

Reward of Poor Stewardship

Failure to recognize that what one has is a trust from God, not his own, and that accounting must be made for the use which it has been put will result in a person's wasting his substance, thereby failing to achieve good both for himself and others. Such a man is like the servant who buried his talent. His sin was that he had nothing with it.

It is always a temptation to say that one's talent is so insignificant and has so little to offer that it is not worthwhile to try to make contribution for the general welfare. This is the defeatist attitude, and when multiplied by all who may feel the same way, it can seriously weaken any economic system or political organization or religious group so that the unscrupulous can manipulate things to their own advantage. It is better to adventure with your talent and lose it than to do nothing at all, because the condemnation is for the man who will not try to use what he has. (Read Matthew 25:26-28.)

Conclusion

The universal truth which this parable has to teach is that to him who uses what he has in the recognition that it is a trust from God will be given more, whereas from him who fails to use it shall be taken away even that which he has. This applies to everything, whether it be wealth, ability, artistic gifts, or physical fitness. Life's lesson is that the only way to keep a gift is to use it in the service of God and of fellow man.

So it is in the economic system under which we live. If you believe that it is the best and worth preserving, then you will do the particular responsibilities that are yours with thoroughness and a sense of pride so as to insure its successful operation. Unless you do so, then you are weakening the system and making it possible for some other system, perhaps less desirable, to take its place. In all matters the trust of God to each requires faithfulness, however great or small the ability or opportunities may be, in the certain hope of a goodly reward at the hands of Him who values such a quality in His servants.

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THE CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR WORK

the Leader

The television show *The Untouchables* trays law men who cannot be touched by vice, crime, and corruption. This topic will give opportunity for your society to realize that Junior Highs are being touched by evil influences in your community. These are young people who can and must be touched by the Master of men.

The purpose of the topic is that your group will realize how that all of them can help turn touchables into untouchables by the power of Christ and the influence of His Church.

Make special assignments to the five committees of your society. Provide the hints printed below and make these suggestions to the committees:

1. **Lookout Committee.** Make a list of various forces which have influence in the lives of youth in our community, such as television, magazines, newspapers, movies, and friends.

2. **Devotional Committee.** List the ways in which Christ touches the lives of youth and makes us able to overcome temptation.

3. **Missionary Committee.** Consider different means by which Christian youth may witness of Christ to others throughout the world and lead them to accept Him as saviour and Lord.

4. **Church Activity Committee.** List ways in which youth who have been touched and redeemed by Christ may serve Him and grow in spiritual strength in the church.

5. **Social Committee.** Write down a list of ways in which Christian youth may have Christian influence by not being touched by evil but by standing for the right in their social activities.

The committees should meet together during the week preceding the meeting to make plans for their participation, or time should be set aside for some planning during some previous Sunday night program. The success of the meeting will depend upon such preparation.

Program Guide

Pre-Prayer Service
Singspiration
Scripture Reading: Luke 19:41-44
Sentence Prayers
Announcements and Offering
Topic Introduction by the Leader
Reports by Committees
Closing Moments of Consecration by the Counselor or Minister
Closing Hymn: *I Surrender All*
Benediction

Topic Introduction

The television program *The Untouchables* presents Elliott Ness as a man who could not be touched by vice. The Bible tells of various young people who were surrounded by all kinds of evil, but who were touchable only by the Lord. Joseph in Egypt and Daniel in Babylon are examples of this type of youth. Joseph refused to be tempted by the wife of his master in Egypt, and Daniel refused to drink wine or to worship idols as others did in Babylon.

The Bible also tells of a young man who was touchable by the evil affairs of the world. As a proud and prodigal youth, he wasted his money in riotous living, but he returned to his home and his father, willing to be a servant. A rich young ruler came running to Jesus seeking to be touched

The Touchables

Luke 19:41-44



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by Him, but he was already so controlled by his own possessions that he was unable to break away from them and to follow Jesus.

All these young people are typical of youth of our own day. Some young people are touched and controlled by evil powers in the world today, but other young people serve God and devote their time to the things that are good and true and right.

What is the difference between these two kinds of youth? What is the secret of the change that has happened to young people who believe in God and serve Him daily? Surely the reports of our committees tonight will help us to find the answers to these questions.

Lookout Committee

Obtain or make a large map of your city or community and hang it in your meeting room.

Mark on it with pencils of different colors and have members of your committee to point out the homes in which members of your Junior High group and your friends live, the schools and churches which they attend, the areas in which they play, the clubs in which they participate, and the business places which they enter.

Stress the various influences which these institutions have on youth through such media as television, advertising, instruction, conversation, etc. Point out especially the temptations with which all of you are confronted.

Devotional Committee

Prepare a worship center for the meeting which features a picture of Christ and an open Bible. During your presentation, turn out the lights in the room and turn a spotlight or flashlight on the picture of Christ to point out that He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Have one of your members point out that Joseph overcame temptation because the Lord was with Him (Genesis 39:2) and that Daniel was strong because He prayed to God and relied upon Him (Daniel 6:10).

Another member of your committee should point out that Jesus Christ is the means by which God forgives our sins and gives us strength to overcome temptation. Tell the story of the sinful woman who was forgiven by Jesus in the account in Luke 7:36-50 as an example of how all may be touched and forgiven today.

Also give your report on ways by which Christ provides strength to youth today. Mention such means as prayer, Bible reading, and public worship.

Missionary Committee

Obtain or prepare a map of the world and mark on it the places in which missionary work is being done by your congregation in your own community, the nation, and the whole world. You might also be able to

place on the map, pictures of missionaries and their families who receive some support from your congregation, or even from your own society.

One member of your committee should point out that Christ has commissioned His followers to go into all the world and to share the message of His power which is able to overcome temptation and sin (Matthew 28:18-20). Stress that Christian youth are included.

Another member should point out the missionary pictures and areas which have been marked on the map, and still another should mention the ways in which youth may witness for Christ which your committee has listed. Include especially ways in which you may participate in the programs of missions and evangelism in your church. You may want to consult your minister in drawing up this list.

Church Activity Committee

Draw or paint a large picture of your church building, and around or in front of it draw ladders, brooms, typewriters, lawn mowers, paint brushes, pianos, and other items which youth may use in their service in the church.

One member of your committee might point out that when God called Moses to lead the people of Israel out of Egypt, he gave many reasons why he could not obey. God asked him, "What is in your hand?" and showed him how he could serve God with just what he had. (See *Exodus 4:1-5*) Point out also that God has given talents to all of us and that we must use them in Christ's service or lose them (Matthew 25:14-30).

Another member should mention the ways of service which your committee has listed and point out that such service results in closer touch with Christ and greater spiritual strength for Christian youth.

Social Committee

Make a collection of social and recreational items to be displayed during your portion of the meeting. You might include tobacco, magazines, liquor glasses, cards, a basketball, ping pong paddle, and other such items.

One member of your committee should point out that Christian youth are to glorify God in their bodies and in their spirits. They belong to God, for they have been purchased by God through Christ (I Corinthians 6:20).

Another should consider whether and how the collected items may be used for the glory of God. Stress practical means by which young people may witness for Christ in social activities at home, at school, at church, and in the community.

Comments by Rev. Chester D. Hirsch, pastor of the Oakdale United Brethren in Christ Church in Dayton, Ohio



Christians on the Labor Front

I Corinthians 4:9-14; I Timothy 5:17,18

No. 2 in a Series: "Christian Citizenship"

Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) January 21

Early Planning Suggestions

1. Ask each young person beforehand to bring some article to the meeting that would be symbolic of work. A carpenter might bring a hammer, a doctor a bottle of pills, a clerk an interesting article he sells, etc. Obviously many of your members are not working, so they should bring an article representing the vocation they hope to enter or their father's work. Display these articles on a table and discuss the kinds of work represented.

2. Ask four young people to make four interviews during the week before the meeting. They should talk to two people who are employers and two who are employees of some organization. In some areas labor leaders and management representatives could be interviewed. Such questions as the following might be asked: (1) What is the employer's (or employee's) biggest problem? (2) What is the most disrupting thing that the employer (or employee) does? (3) Is it possible to work together in more areas than labor and management now do? (4) What are some common goals of management and labor?

Promoting the Meeting

Give information about the meeting to the minister and to the person who prepares the church bulletin. Be sure to get it in on time. Plan some posters to announce the meeting. In the meeting a week ahead, have someone bring a tool such as a hammer, stapler, or screwdriver. Using the tool as an object lesson he might say, "This tool is used in a nearby plant. Do you think that the person who uses it is paid enough? Too much? Does he work too long? Too hard? Does the company who bought the article get enough returns on its investment? Does the worker take good enough care of this object? Is the company forced to pay for loafing and featherbedding? Is this fair? All of these questions will be discussed at our next meeting. Come and see, hear, and take part."

Suggestions for the Program

Pre-Prayer Service
Prelude: *America the Beautiful*
Hymns: *This is My Father's World; In the Service of the King*
Scripture Reading: I Corinthians 4:9-14; I Timothy 5:17, 18
Prayer
Announcements and Offering
Special Music
Topic Presentation
Questions for Discussion
Closing Hymn
Benediction

Leader's Introduction

Our topic is *Christians on the Labor Front*. This is an important subject for young people. In the first place, some of us are already employed, and some may already belong to a labor union. As a member you have a voice in its activities.

QUESTIONS FOR DISCUSSION

1. Are labor unions needed today?
2. Does management make too much money?
3. Do labor unions have too much power?
4. Would the average laborer be in as good circumstances today had there been no labor unions?
5. Are labor unions more often right or wrong in their demands of management?
6. Should the laborer share in company profits?
7. How much profit is fair and just?
8. Is the profit motive wrong?
9. How can the ideals of Jesus be applied to the labor-management problem?
10. In what areas can labor and management work together?

Some of your parents may have been in strikes authorized by the union to which they belong. Some may have felt the economic pinch that often comes when there is a strike. Others are affected by shortage of materials and other items when work is halted by strikes. Many of you have fathers and sometimes mothers that are a part of management and are aware of the problems and difficulties they face when labor difficulties arise. All of you will be taking your place in our country's economy and will be involved with labor, unions, management, capital, investments, and profit or loss, whether you want to or not. So this topic is of very real interest to all of us.

(At this point have reports of those who have interviewed the employers and employees.)

Biblical Background

Somewhere in the dawn of human history certain enterprising people discovered ways to get others to work for them. Some men enslaved others, and apparently mistreatment soon appeared. This is evident from the writing of laws that dealt with treatment of servants. There is a series of regulations of how servants are to be regarded in Exodus 21:1-6. Another list appears in Deuteronomy 24:14, 15. The appearance of such laws indicates that there was a real need to regulate the relations between master and servant in Israel.

The prophets cried out against oppression of the poor, the widows, and the homeless. Amos compared the oppressors to the cattle of Bashan and vigorously condemned them (Amos 4:1). Malachi 3:5 declares that there will be judgment for those that "oppress the hireling in his wages." Apparently there were many injustices then even as there are today.

Paul labored with his hands as a tent-maker and thus supported himself (I Corinthians 4:12). Our Lord grew up in Joseph's carpenter shop and must have done many things with His hands in the years before He began His public ministry.

There is a dignity assigned to labor in

all of the Bible. In writing to Timothy, Paul quoted the Old Testament saying, "The laborer is worthy of his reward." This would certainly seem to indicate that there is a fair wage for the worker and that should be paid that amount. It would also imply that if the laborer is to be worth he should work. This is a two-way street with the two parties, labor and management, bearing responsibilities to each other. The entire spirit of the Gospel would make men responsible for each other. This would imply the need to work out difficulties together and to meet the needs of all. There is no place for the person that is motivated by greed and selfishness. The individual rich or poor, whose heart is wrapped around "things" above all else is in the class with the rich young ruler and will know no sorrow. Those with a spirit of "bearing one another's burdens" will know peace, joy and satisfaction in aiding his fellow man.

Areas of Mutual Concern

(Here are several areas of mutual concern which labor and management may face together. Each might be assigned a member of your group for discussion.)

COMPETITION

Almost without exception products and services have competitors. Both management and labor must be concerned at this point. There must be a market for the item of service, or the company cannot remain in business, and this means a loss for everyone. The kind of materials, quality of workmanship, production efficiency, good purchasing, advertising, and effective sales procedures are part of the elements that govern successful competition.

PROFIT

It is the responsibility of management to show a profit. The investors rightly expect a return from their invested money. Goldbricking and featherbedding by workers can eliminate profit just the same as poor management can do it. Every single person connected with a company should be deeply concerned if the organization is not showing a profit.

PROPER COMPENSATION

There is a wide divergence of opinion as to what constitutes proper compensation. In the past many of the bitterest disputes between labor and management have been over this question. Nearly seventy per cent of the national income goes to pay wages and benefits to the worker. Pay can be too high or too low. Training, experience, demand, and personal abilities are factors in determining pay. The other side of proper compensation is that the worker gives a fair day's work for a fair day's pay.

HIGHEST EFFICIENCY

People, machines, skills, willingness to work, and arrangement of tools are but some of the items involved in getting peak efficiency. Failure on the part of individuals, organized labor, or management to be efficient endangers the success of the American economy.

CHRISTIAN PRINCIPLES

All of the above concerns are common to both labor and management. In dealing with them there needs to be an application of Christian principles. Justice for all, equality of opportunity, racial fraternity, and maintenance of civil liberties are but a few of these important principles. In all of them the Spirit of Christ must reign.

Comments by Mr. Elwood Dunn, general secretary of the Michigan Christian Endeavor Union and chairman of the Youth Work Committee of the International Society

the Leader

There is a line of a song the children sing, "I want to be more than a Sunday-gone-meetin' Christian." This thought should be kept in mind as you pray and prepare for your meeting. Next Sunday begins Christian Endeavor Week. This topic may be used as a self-examination of the members of your society in the light of the Christian Endeavor pledge which begins, "I will strive to do whatever I would like to have me do." Christ has led us to tell others about Him, and so one of the important things He wants us to do is to witness for Him. Pray that you may have this desire and then convince the other members of your society they should likewise.

for the Counselor

This is a very serious topic for young people. However, you must first of all be convinced yourself that Christian witnessing is vital to young Christian lives if they are to grow spiritually. If you are definitely concerned about this in your own life, the battle of convincing the young people is half won. Try to oversee the preparation for this topic. Any suggestions are made in the "Keep the Mails Busy" section which may be carried out with encouragement from you. You know your own group and can make their suggestions for programming.

the Preliminaries

Devotional Program)

SCRIPTURE

Have the following verses memorized or merely read by ten young people following the reading of the given Scripture for this topic:

Matthew 10:32	Acts 1:8
Luke 12:8	I Peter 3:15
Romans 10:9	II Timothy 1:8
I John 2:23	Acts 4:20
Mark 5:18, 19	Psalms 66:16

PLEDGE

Have your members repeat the pledge in this meeting. (If you do not have a wall pledge, suggest to your group at your next business meeting that they should purchase one immediately.) In this way, the promises contained therein, especially so far as witnessing is concerned, may be brought to the attention of the group. Pledge cards may be used if you do not have a wall pledge. Read all the words thoughtfully, prayerfully, and unhurriedly.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Advertise your plans for the next two Sundays (Christian Endeavor Week). Give details of special events in your church and local Christian Endeavor unions as well as your society meetings for the next two Sundays.

Keep the Mails Busy

If you have accepted your responsibility and have begun to prepare for this topic at least two weeks in advance, you can do all of the following. If not, carry out as many suggestions as you can.

1. Write for the current "A Vital Program for Youth" from the International Society. This will provide material for your topic discussion.

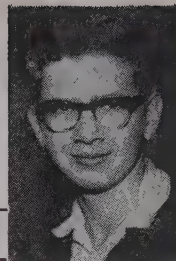
2. Ask your pastor where you may secure good tracts for use in soul winning. These may also be used after your meeting.

Weak or Week-Long Witness?

I Peter 3:8-16

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3. Type or write individual invitations to each of your members as follows: "Dear Christian Endeavorer: How has your Christian witnessing been? Have you been neglecting this important part of your Christian life? We feel that we all can do better. We ask you to be present at our Christian Endeavor meeting on (give date) when we shall discuss the topic 'Weak or Week-Long Witness?' C U there! (Signed) Your Name, Leader."

4. Make some identification for your group to wear a week before your meeting. Include this in the invitation which you mail to them. This can be as simple as a cross made of construction paper, plain with no printing. When they are asked what it means, they will tell of your coming meeting.

Discussion of the Topic

I. A WEAK WITNESS

Lead in listing on the chalkboard things which cause one's witness to be weak. The group should be able to give many ideas. Here are a few:

1. Unsure of one's own testimony; not convinced oneself; not a real conversion experience in one's life
2. Lack of knowledge of the Scripture
3. Lack of sufficient prayer experience; neglect of prayer life
4. Too much of the "world" in one's life; inability to live a pure, dedicated life
5. Too "easy" Christian life; no opposition; no hardships

II. A WEEK-LONG WITNESS

There are four primary areas in which a Christian young person may live his Christian testimony and do his witnessing. Using the following thoughts and adding others of your own, lead the discussion:

1. **WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN THE HOME** True Christianity begins at home. If we do not "practice what we preach" at home, we cannot be effective elsewhere. Each day, with our family, we can be a true witness for Jesus. We can share in family devotions or encourage our families to begin them if they do not have them now. We can do our share of the work without complaining and accept family responsibilities. We can be understanding and helpful when members of our family have troubles. We can help our families to pray and pray with them. We can lead those in our families who do not know Christ to accept Him as personal Saviour.

2. **WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN THE CHURCH** The church is Christ's representative on earth. All we do for Christ must reflect our Christian Endeavor motto, "For Christ and the Church." We can

witness in our church by attending worship regularly, being active in our Christian Endeavor Society, Sunday School, missionary work, choir, and any other organizations of the church for our age group. Others may watch us when we attend Christian Endeavor rallies and conventions, hymn sings, etc., and see that we have well-rounded, fun-filled lives, but also that we are dedicated to the cause of Jesus Christ. This is a witness.

3. **WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN THE COMMUNITY** As Christians, we should be proud of the place in which we live. If we are not proud of it, we should strive to make it a place of which we may be proud. Here are a few ways in which we can witness for Christ in our community: There are organizations in our community such as Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts to which we may belong and in which we may witness for Christ; in school teen-agers have a wonderful opportunity to practice Christianity (though it may be the hardest place to be a true Christian); in our neighborhoods we can do our best to break up troublesome gangs or cliques and invite the young people to the activities of our church.

4. **WITNESSING FOR CHRIST IN THE WORLD** We need to be reminded from time to time of our responsibility to those people in other parts of our world who do not know Christ. So often we feel we can do little in the missionary cause, but a little undertaken by each of us in the power of the Holy Spirit can accomplish much for the Lord. Our world-wide witness can be felt when we attend faithfully our missionary meetings, take part in missionary projects, pray for missionaries (most important of all), and when some of us can go "to the uttermost parts of the earth."

Concluding the Discussion

Use the following questions to close your meeting:

1. How can you help a young person who would like to witness for Christ but feels too shy?
2. How would you suggest a young person could win the members of his family for Christ if he is the only Christian in the home?
3. If the prayer meeting in your church is attended by older people exclusively, what should you do about interesting the young people?
4. How can a Christian young person witness to a tough neighborhood gang?

Comments by Mrs. Richard Cattermole, counselor for the young people's society at Faith Evangelical Congregational Church in Temple, Pennsylvania



Called to Christian Freedom

John 8:31-36; 1 Peter 2:16

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Senior High-Young People (15-24 Years) January 28

The Leader Prepares

Enlist the help of several to share in the topic presentation. Early preparations will pay off in interest and understanding by those attending the meeting. Don't overlook the importance of your opening devotional service. The careful selection of songs and special music will set the stage for a profitable topic presentation.

Make up posters featuring pictures or drawings of those who seek political, economic, physical, or spiritual freedom. Remember that this is the first Sunday in Christian Endeavor Week. Your publicity, preparation, and presentation should center in this observance.

It is suggested that the presentation of this topic be divided into two phases: a symposium consisting of presentations by various persons, followed by a period of discussion.

The Importance of the Topic

Men want to be free. All around the world, men are striving for freedom. Long-established customs are being cast off, and a rising tide of nationalism is snapping the historical bonds of colonialism.

But in spite of their striving and sacrifice, many people are only exchanging one form of slavery for another. The Cubans suffered for years under a dictatorship which they considered intolerable. They massed to the support of a man and a movement which promised them freedom. Thousands died in the fight to fulfill this promise, but now the Cubans now find themselves enslaved to a communistic dictator. The same thing could be said of the millions trapped in China, Hungary, Poland, and other Iron Curtain countries.

But not all of man's striving for freedom is political. We often rebel against what we consider to be the confines of a job, school, or our family ties. And we find ourselves hopelessly entangled with broader circumstances which are even more oppressive. We seek to free ourselves from certain insects only to find that we have destroyed the balance of the natural world. We put down one form of disease only to find that we have unleashed another even more hideous.

Such is the experience of men in their quest for freedom. But this should not discourage us, for there is a source of true freedom—a freedom which will bring us to a full realization of life as God would have us live it. It is this freedom to which we are called in Jesus Christ and which we are to consider in this topic.

The Symposium

This portion of the topic presentation should be introduced by the leader of the evening. Make certain that the aim of the

FOR DISCUSSION

1. Can all of man's desires for freedom be achieved in commitment to Christ?
2. How does Christian freedom differ from freedom demanded by non-Christians?
3. How is Christian freedom expressed in our family relationships?
4. What bearing does Christian freedom have upon our school relationships?
5. What does freedom in Christ mean in regard to dating and courtship?
6. How is Christian freedom experienced in one's daily work and employment?

topic is clearly understood and also the method of presentation.

Some introductory material can be drawn from the preceding paragraphs. The purpose of this discussion is that Christian Endeavorers may realize that authentic freedom is not just a matter of political government, but the result of a personal commitment to Christ. This freedom is lived out in relationship to family, friends, school, church, and employment.

The aim of the topic will be achieved by the discussion of such questions as the following.

What Is Freedom?

For most persons, freedom simply means the absence of slavery. Since we do not consider ourselves slaves, we are free. This is the attitude which the Pharisees held. When Jesus spoke to them about being free, they declared themselves as being free because they were descendants of Abraham (see John 8:33).

Coupled with this concept of freedom from slavery is the idea of self-determination. Because we are not slaves, we are free to do as we please.

This is the type of freedom which most people in the world desire. They want to be free from political oppression, and they want to be free to do as they please. In seeking such a freedom, they have lost sight of the real purposes of God for man.

It is true that God does not will that any man should be the property of another so that his life is selfishly manipulated. It is also true that God does not will that human governments should enslave the lives of men destined to be free.

But just as the Pharisees overlooked their real masters, so men overlook the fact that human slavery and political oppression are the fruit of evil. The real slave holder in the world is the power of Satan, who chains men in sin, death, and the grave.

What Is the Freedom Christ Gives?

Jesus said that everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin (John 8:34). Everywhere we turn, we see the evidence of man's sin. Why is there oppression in Cuba?

Why is there a crisis over Berlin? Why do a family mourn for a loved one cut down by a murderer's bullet? Why do a wife and her children weep over the alcoholic father? All of these conditions are results of sin.

But the matter is also very personal. Why do we do the things we know to be against the will of God? Why do we do over and over again those things for which we later repent? It is because of the power of sin which works in our lives. We promise ourselves to do better, only to fail. We can be free from slavery to sin—not in our own strength but in Jesus Christ. He said, "If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed" (John 8:36). Paul wrote that if we are identified with Christ in baptism, we are dead to sin and it has no more power over us (Romans 6:1-8).

The freedom Christ gives is that of unshackling us from the power of sin. In His death, He has cast down the power of sin and as many as answer His call are delivered from its slavery. In Him, we are free to fight against it, to resist it with the strength which He provides through abiding in us.

One of man's great desires is to be free from death. Although the Christian does die, he is free from the fear and ultimate hold which death has on the individual who does not know the freedom of Christ. In Christ a new age has begun. It is an age characterized by God's mightiest act, the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The same power which raised Jesus from the grave also lifts the Christian to a newness of life which brings victory over sin now and the promise of victory over the grave.

This is the freedom which Christ gives to all who commit themselves to Him. He sets us free from the power of sin and the grave; He makes us more than conquerors through Himself.

How Is Christian Freedom Applied to Life?

For the Christian, freedom is far more than a negative thing. It is not merely the absence of slavery, even slavery to sin or the fear of death. Freedom in Christian faith is a release for positive action, for the activity of living a righteous life in fellowship with God.

Because we are free in Christ, we are no hindered in giving ourselves absolutely to God and to our fellow men. This is a service not of bondage, but of love. The demands of love are not impossible, and so we delight in doing the will of God. It is here that many young people fail in their Christian life. They look upon the will of God as being too restrictive and demanding. They resent and resist His will in rebellion. They are not truly free; they are yet bound by sin, for those who are free gladly give themselves as obedient children to their Father.

Likewise, those who have been set free by Christ give themselves without reservation to those about them. No task is too difficult or lowly, for it is an act of love. The very fact that one is free in Christ makes it possible for him to love all men and serve all men without restraint. He does not think of this as a duty or demand, but as an opportunity to love others even as Christ has loved him.

Comments by Rev. George Weaver, pastor of the Otterbein United Brethren in Christ Church in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania

Advertising the Meeting

Secure a picture of Christ and of youth of your own age. In some magazine you can find a picture depicting the struggle which is going on for freedom among the new nations and within the United States.

Arrange these pictures neatly and significantly on your bulletin board with the *Struggling for Freedom*. Don't forget to add your invitation to attend.

Counseling the Counselor

Involvement is one significant way in which this topic discussion can have real meaning for youth. Involvement will create interest necessary to help the young people gain some understanding of freedom and its implications. The topic is arranged to accomplish this goal. However, you must be ready to introduce pertinent questions if need arises. Be careful, however, not to shut any discussion with any statements which seem to judge or condemn. Instead, suggest that they look at the issue from another point of view.

The counselor should be familiar with the content of the topic discussion and act as a resource person, visiting each buzz group in session.

Presenting the Discussion

How to Prepare

Read through the topic thoroughly and, if necessary, get a feeling for the progress of thought. Confer with your counselor, if necessary. Familiarize yourself with the meaning of the suggested Scripture passages in order to direct an intelligent discussion.

You cannot read this topic verbatim. It has merely been presented for you and the buzz groups to take and use as thought stimulators. Therefore, put some of your own ideas into the discussion. Try to determine ahead how the discussion might go. Be prepared with thought-provoking questions.

How to Begin

Prepare a statement of introduction which presents the idea that many nations, many peoples, and many individuals are searching for freedom.

Ask four young people, two boys and two girls, to present a short sociodrama which will depict a discussion between two teenagers and their parents concerning the restrictions they must endure and the great amount of freedom they feel they should be allowed to enjoy. Merely inform these four young people of the above-mentioned theme and let them use their own creativity to develop a short drama. Limit the production to eight to ten minutes.

This presentation will stimulate the thinking of the group concerning some of the freedoms which all seek in life.

Lead the group in their discussion from the place where they are (discussing teenage freedoms) to some thoughts about the freedoms being sought by races, nations, and individuals everywhere. Perhaps you could do it this way. "Thus far our discussion has been largely self-centered; we have considered (now review what you have talked about; it might include later hours over the week ends, greater latitude in the use of earned money, freedom to make more personal decisions, etc.). However, there are others who are groping for

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AIMS OF THE TOPIC

To gain some insight into the struggle for freedom about and within youth

To determine the proper use of Christian freedom

To discover guiding principles for the application of Christian freedom to various facets of life

freedom also. What has been taking place in the continent of Africa during the past few years? What social changes have been taking place in our own nation? What kind of freedom have many people been seeking?" List suggestions given in answer to this question on the chalkboard. The list might include political freedom, freedom from racial supremacy, freedom for a larger voice in the government, freedom from colonial imperialism, freedom from lack of educational opportunities, freedom from a psychological inferiority, and freedom to compete equally on all levels of job opportunities.

How to Proceed

Suggest that there is another whole realm of freedom which hasn't been touched upon in the discussion thus far. Acquaint the group with this added dimension of thought by dividing into three buzz groups. Direct the first buzz group to investigate John 8:34, Romans 6:20a and 3:20. This group will deal with the problem presented therein. Direct the second buzz group to investigate John 8:36, Romans 6:18 and 8:21. This group will discover the answer to the problem. Direct the third group to investigate I Corinthians 7:22, 8:9; Galatians 5:13; and 1 Peter 2:16. This group will discover some of the implications of the solution. After all groups have had sufficient time to investigate and discuss, they should meet again as a total group and an appointed person from each group should report its findings.

Give each group the following pertinent information.

THOUGHT STIMULATORS—FIRST BUZZ GROUP

Notice the phrase "slave of sin." Discuss the implications of slavery. Obedience and a compulsion which controls the will are involved. Slavery presupposes a master, a lack of freedom, and a forced labor. Discuss the phrase "a slave of sin," which both Jesus and Paul use, in the light of your discussion.

You might wish to discuss the parallelism between a narcotic and sin. A narcotic addict is a slave of the habit. He discovers his will is not his own; there is a compulsion, a drive by which he finds it easy to be led. During the times of clearer insight, when he can see himself objectively, he realizes he is a prisoner of this habit; yet he finds it impossible to discover the key to the door of freedom.

Sin also serves in this capacity of a jailer. Sin involves one in a situation from which he finds escape impossible by any effort of his own. The more he becomes involved with sin, the easier it is to be involved and the harder it is to resist it.

THOUGHT STIMULATORS—SECOND BUZZ GROUP

Refer to the suggested Scripture. Who makes deliverance from sin possible? How does a person avail himself of the opportunity of this freedom?

If some of your group saw the film entitled *Spartacus* or read the story which the film depicts, they can give the others within the group some idea of the feeling of those men who had found freedom from the forced slavery of being trained as gladiators.

Compare their feeling with your own appreciation for the freedom which has been given by Christ. Consider the question, "In what ways do we show our appreciation?"

THOUGHT STIMULATORS—THIRD BUZZ GROUP

Read the passages of Scripture given to you. Discuss some of the implications of the new freedom which is experienced in Christ.

Freed from servitude to sin, you immediately become servants of Christ. Is this servitude only one of a different kind with a different master?

Discuss the term *co-worker* with Christ and *junior partner* with God in the big business of kingdom building as a substitute for *slave*. This might suggest some new ideas. There is a difference between a slave and a junior partner.

Discuss what happens many times when a young person experiences a newly found freedom. He often abuses the privilege given to him. How can we avoid abusing the privileges of freedom in Christ? What does Paul suggest in I Corinthians 8:9 as a guiding principle for the use of Christian freedom? Discuss the implications of his suggestion.

In the fifth and sixth chapters of Galatians, Paul suggests four additional safeguards: love, the Spirit, the fellowship of the church, and the natural law of sowing and reaping. Discuss these safeguards as they apply to society today.

How to Conclude

After the buzz group reports have been given and discussed, discuss among the total group: ways in which Christians have been freed from the bondage of sin and areas of life in which youth have a great many questions about their use of Christian freedom.

Comments by Rev. Harry A. Shuster, Jr., minister of Trinity Evangelical Congregational Church in Palmerton, Pennsylvania

Daily Bible Readings for Your Quiet Hour

Here are the daily Bible readings selected for use in connection with the weekly Christian Endeavor topics for January, 1962. These particular selections have been chosen because they give valuable food for thought in connection with the topic for the Sunday to follow.

These readings are grouped together on one page in order that Endeavorers may easily use them. Why not clip out this section and place it in your Bible, ready for your daily Quiet Hour observance.



Junior High (Intermediate) Daily Readings

M. Jan. 1	Guidance in Making Decisions	Psalms 25:1-9
T. Jan. 2	Guidance by Wise Counsel	Psalms 73:24-28
W. Jan. 3	Guidance in Uncertainties	Isaiah 42:10-16
T. Jan. 4	Guidance by Illumination	Luke 1:67-80
F. Jan. 5	Guidance into All Truth	John 16:13-20
S. Jan. 6	Guidance by Still Small Voice	Isaiah 30:19-21
Sun., Jan. 7—Topic: Hello, 1962!		
	Psalm 23:1; Revelation 11:15-17; Matthew 6:9-14	
M. Jan. 8	Jesus Touched Little Children	Matthew 19:13-15
T. Jan. 9	Jesus Touched a Leper	Luke 5:12-15
W. Jan. 10	A Sinful Woman Touched Jesus	Luke 7:36-50
T. Jan. 11	The Only Saviour	Acts 4:7-12
F. Jan. 12	Sinners May Be Forgiveness	Hosea 14:4-9
S. Jan. 13	Sinners to Be Taught	Psalms 51:13-19
Sun., Jan. 14—Topic: The Touchables.		
	Luke 19:41-44	
M. Jan. 15	The Prophet's Call to Witness	Isaiah 43:1-12
T. Jan. 16	Fearless Witness Needed	Acts 18:9-11
W. Jan. 17	Witnessing among Friends	Mark 5:1-20
T. Jan. 18	Witnessing by the Spirit	John 15:18-27
F. Jan. 19	Speaking Always of Our Faith	II Corinthians 4:10-18
S. Jan. 20	Confessing Christ	I John 4:12-16
Sun., Jan. 21—Topic: Weak or Weak-Long Witness?		
	I Peter 3:8-16	
M. Jan. 22	No Freedom in Sin	Proverbs 5:21-23
T. Jan. 23	The Messiah Will Proclaim Liberty	Isaiah 61:1-3
W. Jan. 24	Free for a New Life	Romans 8:1-10
T. Jan. 25	Free to Serve One Another	Galatians 5:13-18
F. Jan. 26	Free to Serve Righteousness	Romans 6:16-23

S. Jan. 27 Freedom Should Not Be Abused
I Corinthians 8:6-13
Sun., Jan. 28—Topic: Called to Christian Freedom
John 8:31-36; I Peter 2:16

Senior High-Young People's Daily Readings

M. Jan. 1	A New Commandment	John 13:31-35
T. Jan. 2	A New Name	Revelation 2:12-17
W. Jan. 3	A New Testament	II Corinthians 3:1-6
T. Jan. 4	A New Birth	John 3:1-13
F. Jan. 5	A New Creature	Galatians 6:13-18
S. Jan. 6	A New and Living Way	Hebrews 10:16-22
Sun., Jan. 7—Topic: "What's New?"		
	Revelation 21:5; Romans 6:1-6	
M. Jan. 8	Rich toward God	Luke 12:13-21
T. Jan. 9	Desired Treasure	Proverbs 21:20-24
W. Jan. 10	Where Your Heart Is	Matthew 6:19-23
T. Jan. 11	Treasure in Heaven	Luke 18:18-30
F. Jan. 12	If the Lord Will	James 4:13-17
S. Jan. 13	Riches of Wisdom	Romans 11:32-36
Sun., Jan. 14—Topic: Christian Investors		
	Matthew 25:14-30	
M. Jan. 15	Man Shall Labor	Genesis 3:14-19
T. Jan. 16	A Profitable Laborer	Philemon
W. Jan. 17	A Laborer Is Worthy of His Hire	I Timothy 5:16-18
T. Jan. 18	Co-Laborers with God	I Corinthians 3:6-10
F. Jan. 19	The Imperishable	John 6:25-29
S. Jan. 20	Come, All Ye That Labor	Matthew 11:28-30
Sun., Jan. 21—Topic: Christians on the Labor Front		
	I Corinthians 4:9-14; I Timothy 5:17-18	
M. Jan. 22	The Year of Freedom	Exodus 21:1-6
T. Jan. 23	Liberty of the Lord	II Corinthians 3:1-18
W. Jan. 24	Free from Sin	Romans 6:1-11
T. Jan. 25	Servants to Righteousness	Romans 6:12-23
F. Jan. 26	Service and Freedom	I Corinthians 7:20-24
S. Jan. 27	All in All	Colossians 3:1-11
Sun., Jan. 28—Topic: Called to Christian Freedom		
	John 8:31-36; I Peter 2:16	

Westerhoff Named Vice-Chairman Of All-American Conference

The All-American Conference to Combat Communism, during its annual meeting November 4 in Washington, D.C., named Harold E. Westerhoff, general secretary of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, as one of its four vice-chairmen.

Dr. George L. Ford, executive director of the National Association of Evangelicals, elected chairman of the Executive Council of the All-American Conference. Dr. D. A. Poling, president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union, was also elected a member of the Council.

Mr. Westerhoff has been appointed chairman of the Annual Meeting Committee plan the 1962 sessions.

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Topics for JANUARY

Jan. 7	When I Worship Alone	Psalms 25
Jan. 14	When I Read God's Word	II Timothy 3:14
Jan. 21	When I Pray Alone	Matthew 6
Jan. 28	Managing God's Church	I Timothy 3

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Rev. Clyde W. Meadows, D.D., president of the International Society of Christian Endeavor, spoke at the chapel service at Huntington College, Huntington, Indiana, October 26.

Many Christian Endeavorers participated in the second annual Christian Witness parade in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, recently.

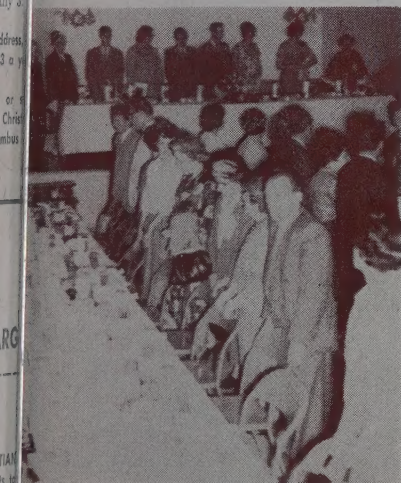


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Ontario Endeavorers enjoyed their Thanksgiving banquet together during the Ontario Convention. Thanksgiving Day in Canada was observed on Monday, October 9.

The theme for the Ontario Convention held in Hamilton October 7-9 was "Go Ye Thence." Sessions were held at St. Andrews Presbyterian Church. Included among the speakers was Rev. W. J. Carson, now of Erie, Ontario, who was formerly the organizing secretary of the Irish Christian Endeavor Union. Other convention leaders were Dr. C. L. Cowan, host minister; Rev. Paul Erb, New Hamburg; and Rev. T. Melville Bailey, Hamilton. The Christian Endeavorers from Cooke's Presbyterian Church in Toronto won the honor society banner for their record during the past year.

The Alpha Christian Endeavor Alumni of National City Christian Church, Washington, D. C. held their regular monthly vesper service October 29 with Glenn Riddell speaking on "Evaluation of a Decision." Mrs. John Crickenberger led the devotions. This group served as hosts at a fellowship hour which followed the Reformation Festival Concert held by the church that night.



At the organizing meeting of the Capital Area Convention Committee on October 19, Harold E. Westerhoff (left), general secretary of the International Society, outlines some of the duties of the local committee. Alden E. Imus, Jr., center, is general chairman of the local committee with Phil C. Reed (right) as associate chairman. Endeavorers in Washington, D.C., Maryland, and Virginia are preparing for the 47th International Christian Endeavor Convention to be held in Washington July 2-6, 1963. Members of the Executive Committee of the Capital Area Convention Committee have been elected; regular meetings of this group began November 26.

A series of one-day Christian Endeavor Leadership Training Schools, sponsored by the Oregon Union, are being held throughout the state. The first was held September 23, and the seventh and final school will be held December 8. The program includes workshops on publicity, society officers, worship, and song leading, according to Dorothy E. Howes, executive secretary.

To mark the 75th birthday of the New York State Christian Endeavor Union, the alumni of Queens County held a Diamond Jubilee Banquet November 10 at Little Neck Community Church, Little Neck, Long Island. Milton G. Billard is president of the group. Special guests at the event were Dr. and Mrs. Daniel A. Poling. An exhibit of photos of past activities was a special feature of the evening.

Families are being urged to observe Christmas Eve by reading together the Christmas story from the Bible. The American Bible Society has prepared a reprint of passages from Luke, titled "Unto You . . . A Saviour," and offers a single copy free to any one who requests it. In quantities these are available at the nominal price of \$3.00 per hundred. Write 450 Park Avenue, New York 22, New York.

In a statement prepared recently for a Senate group analyzing the Communist Party line, J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, declared, "Because Communism thrives on turmoil, the party is continuously attempting to exploit all grievances—real or imagined—for its own tactical purposes. It is therefore inevitable that on many issues the party line will coincide with the position of many non-Communists. The danger of indiscriminately alleging that someone is a Communist merely because his views on a particular issue happen to parallel the official party position is obvious. Unfortunately, there are those who make the very mistake the Communists are so careful to avoid. These individuals concentrate on the negative rather than on the positive. They are merely against Communism without being for any positive measures to eliminate the social, political, and economic frictions which the Communists are so adroit in exploiting. These persons would do well to recall a recent lesson from history. Both Hitler and Mussolini were against Communism. However, it was by what they stood for, not against, that history has judged them."

"It Can Happen Here," a tract on Communism published by the American Tract Society, 513 West 166th Street, New York 32, New York, won for its author, Rev. C. Calvin Herriott, a special award from Freedom's Foundation this year.



This Adult Christian Endeavor Society is one of the five groups, beginning with the Primary age, which meet each week at First Church of Evans, Derby, New York. The president, Thomas Williams, is holding the banner. Seated at left is Dr. Earle W. Gates, minister of the church and a past president of the International Society. This photo was taken October 29 following the Family Night program. Family units met together for supper at 6:00 and then joined in the customary united Christian Endeavor worship service at 7:30. At 8:00 each of the five societies met separately.



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